

WEATHER FORECAST.
Unsettled to-day and probably
to-morrow, with occasional rains.

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MORE EVIDENCE FOUND AGAINST ACCUSED PASTOR

Rev. Mr. Richeson Dined with
Girl on Fatal Day.

HIS MANY LOVE AFFAIRS

Was Engaged to Young Women in
Several Towns.

Detectives Believe They Have Miss-
ing Link in Chain of Circum-
stances in Case of Miss Linnell,
Who Took Poison at Request of
Man Friend—Edmonds Family
Loyal to the Prisoner.

Boston, Mass., Oct. 21.—Rev. Clarence
Virgil Thompson Richeson is to-night
face to face with indisputable evidence
that he dined with Miss Linnell last
Saturday only a few hours before she
innocently swallowed the fatal poison
which, according to the police, he had
given her.

This was the one missing link, the
detectives assert, in the chain of evi-
dence that connected the young clergy-
man with the most remarkable crime in
the annals of New England.

DECLINES TO TALK.

The young, eloquent man has not yet
broken the attitude of silence he assumed
at the time of his arrest. He spent the day
before his arrest in the Charles street jail
and spoke only to Miss Edmonds, his
prospective father-in-law, and Philip R.
Dunbar, his attorney.

Miss Violet Edmonds, the prospective
bride, is still prostrated by the shock
caused by the arrest of Richeson, and
is under the care of two physicians. Miss
Edmonds' mother was occupied today
with the melancholy duty of directing
the return of the wedding gifts sent by
friends from distant points.

Mrs. Edmonds has refused to discuss
the case with newspaper reporters, but
declined to a neighbor today that Rev.
Mr. Richeson could not have been with
Miss Linnell last Saturday, as he was at
home.

Will Spend Money Freely.

The wealth of millionaire George F.
Edmonds' estate will be poured out to
finance the defense of Mr. Richeson.
George F. Edmonds was the father of
Miss Violet Edmonds, whose marriage
to Richeson was to take place October 21.
Miss Edmonds said to-night that his
faith was unshaken in the young
clergyman, and that the family would
stand by him until the last.

The police say they are at a loss to un-
derstand why the Edmonds family as-
sumed this attitude, since it is now
shown in their secret investigation that
Richeson spent several hours with Miss
Linnell on Saturday night, the day
she swallowed enough cyanide of potas-
sium to kill ten people.

A new witness discovered by the
police has told that the young clergy-
man's last words were, "I dined to-day
with Mr. Richeson." The police assert
further that they have found the re-
sultant of the cyanide in the girl's
stomach. There have been a girl who saw
them sitting together, who recognized
them, and who talked with Miss Linnell.

An Important Witness.

This girl will be a most important wit-
ness at the trial of Richeson, and the
police would not be surprised to reveal
her identity. It was intimated that Miss
Linnell had confided to her a secret she
had jealously guarded from others.

While the police were laboring to com-
plete their case, Richeson's lawyer,
Philip R. Dunbar, the son of former
Judge James R. Dunbar, of the Massa-
chusetts Supreme court, was planning to
fight for the clergyman's life. It is al-
ready intimated that a plea of insanity
will be made in the case over-comes to
trial.

Many people can be found who admit
that Mr. Richeson was a most eccentric
person, but there are none who express
the opinion that his mind was unbal-
anced at the time this deed was com-
mitted. Dr. H. M. Gardner, who has
performed professional service for the
clergyman, made the following statement
today:

Due to Overwork.

"The only medicine I have prescribed
for him is what is ordinarily prescribed
in cases of nervous breakdown, and his
condition was due wholly to overwork.
There is absolutely no trace of insanity
about the man."

Dr. Baldwin prescribed for him at the
Edmonds home, and from what I gather-
ed, the only medicine he gave him was
for his appetite."

Trailing the career of Richeson to-day
the police found out many strange things
about the theological student and hyp-
notic young preacher. It was mainly a
story of girls, girls, girls.

The fact that he was engaged to Miss
Linnell and Violet Edmonds at the same
time is a small circumstance in com-
parison with the stories of his Mormon-
like propensities for engagements that
came from other cities, where he had
been a student and preacher.

But his superlative stood him in good
stead.

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TAFT'S ECONOMY PROBERS AT WORK ON D. C. AFFAIRS

Large Statement Compiled
by Auditor Tweedale.

SENT TO THE COMMISSION

Higher Standard of Efficiency to
Be Maintained.

Voluntaneous Budget of City's Ex-
penses Approved by the Com-
missioners—Contents Will Not Be
Made Public Until Reported to
President—May Revolutionize
Branches of Local Government.

The President's commission on econ-
omy and efficiency has commenced a
probe of the District government. With
the ultimate end in view of reducing the
expenses of the District and of main-
taining a higher standard of efficiency,
the commission has started the task be-
fore it by asking for a statement of
present conditions from the Commis-
sioners.

TASK FOR TWEEDALE.

Last week the Commissioners received
a communication from the commission
requesting that a statement be prepared
showing what funds used for District
purposes are not now disbursed by the
District auditor, and what author-
ity the Commissioners have for per-
mitting this. As soon as the statement
was received, Almon Tweedale, District
auditor, was ordered to gather and com-
pile the information desired.

Mr. Tweedale immediately assigned a
number of the employees of his office to
assist him in the undertaking. Laws
and regulations and Congressional acts
for years back were searched, and all
sections pertaining to the disbursement
of District appropriations were noted and
prepared for compilation in the state-
ment. The document, which is one of
the most voluminous statements issued
by the auditor in many months, was
completed Friday and submitted to Com-
missioner Rudolph.

Yesterday an attempt to locate the
document was made, but, as with all
District Building matters, the search
was a long one. Commissioner Rudolph
said that he approved the report on
Friday afternoon and transmitted it to
Commissioner Judson.

Commissioner Judson approved the
statement yesterday morning, and the docu-
ment proceeding in its journey through
the statement yesterday. Commis-
sioner Rudolph said that the statement
would not be made public until the
economy and efficiency commission has
considered it. It is believed that Mr.
Tweedale will submit a number of
recommendations in the statement.

Economy Is Sought.

At present all District appropriations,
in accordance with law, have to pass
through the office of the District dis-
bursing officer, except those for the im-
provement of Providence Hospital, for
the maintenance and improvement of the
District auditor, and for several other
objects. The object of the commission
is to bring about a more efficient and
economy operation of those branches of
the District service which now receive
appropriations without coming through
the disbursing officer.

Merritt C. Chance, secretary of the
commission, said last night that to his
knowledge the statement of the Commis-
sioners was not reached the commis-
sion. Dr. Frederick A. Cleveland, chair-
man of the commission, refused to dis-
cuss the question. He said that the com-
mission is bound to secrecy in all its
operations until its report to the Presi-
dent has been submitted. This report will
be submitted to President Taft soon after
his return to the city.

Officials of the District are greatly in-
terested in the recommendations of the
commission. It is likely that recom-
mendations will be made to the President,
which will completely revolutionize several
branches of the District government.

PEKIN LEGATIONS FEAR AN OUTBREAK

Pekin, Oct. 21.—The foreign legations
here are arming and provisioning to de-
fend themselves and those taking refuge
with them should the necessity arise to-
morrow, the day on which the revolution-
ists have planned, according to rum-
or, to assert themselves in the great
city. The warning came from students,
and was sent to all legations in Pe-
king Province. The National Assembly
meets to-morrow for its second session
this year, and the warning of the out-
break for the same day has caused great
anxiety.

There is no doubt that the government
is suppressing all news that is unfavor-
able to it, and it is said that more serious
news than that of the defeat of the
government troops by the revolutionists
at Hankow Wednesday has been re-
ceived.

There are persistent rumors also that
Admiral Sui's flagship has been sunk or
captured. It is reported that the rebels
are now holding Hwang Chow, at the
narrowest point of the Yangtze River,
and that they are also in possession of
the railway near Kwangshui.

Orders were given some days ago for
the dispatch to Hankow of 30,000 troops
from Manchuria. There are no signs
that this is being done, but three train-
loads of soldiers have left Mukden, ob-
viously for Kinchow. Their real destina-
tion is believed to be Pekin, where the
troops will be used in guarding the
entrances to the city.

ONE WAY TO SPEND MORE MONEY AT HOME.



POLICE SEEK ELOPERS.

Pearl McDaniel, Seventeen, Leaves
Home to Wed Conductor.

Seventeen-year-old Pearl McDaniel,
daughter of W. H. McDaniel, who con-
ducts a boarding house at 322 Four-
teenth street northwest, for whom the
police hunted throughout yesterday and
last night, is believed to have eloped with
a street car conductor who formerly
lived at her home. The girl, according
to an older sister, left a note in which
she bade farewell to her family and said
that she was going to get married.

Miss McDaniel was last seen in the
parlor of her home shortly after 10
o'clock Friday night. She was writing
at a desk when her sister bade her good
night and retired. A friend of the fam-
ily said last night that he believed he
saw the girl in company with the former
boarder at Fourteenth and K streets
northwest early yesterday morning.

Every effort is being made by the police
to locate the missing girl and the man
with whom she is supposed to have
eloped.

ARCHDUKE JOSEF AND PRINCESS WED

Bridegroom Is in Line for
Franz Josef's Throne.

Vienna, Austria, Oct. 21.—Archduke
Karl Franz Josef and Princess Zita of
Parma were married today in the castle
at Schwarau, Lower Austria, in the
presence of the Emperor, the King of
Saxony, and many other members of
the royal family. Special interest at-
tached to the wedding, as the bridegroom
is the heir to the throne of Austria-
Hungary.

The bride, Princess Zita, is the thir-
teenth child of the late Duke Robert of
Parma and his second wife, Marie An-
tonia, Princess of Portugal. She was
born on May 8, 1892, and has twenty-
three brothers and sisters.

The new archduchess is the first bride
to receive a wedding present by aro-
plane. Princess Zita has taken profound
interest in the flights at the aviation
ground at Wenenstadt, near her home,
Schwarau. On Thursday Wachenow, the
aviator, flew in his monoplane over
the park of her chateau, descended al-
most at her feet, and in behalf of the
aerial pilots of Austria presented to her
a beautiful and exact silver model of
a flying machine.

Another unique honor was paid Prin-
cess Zita this week. The astronomers
of the Vienna University Observatory
named her planet 688, recently dis-
covered here.

"DON'T BE TIRESOME."

"Better Be Vulgar" Is the Advice
to Suffragists.

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 21.—"Whatever
you do, don't be tiresome; better be vul-
gar."

This was the advice given the dele-
gates to the National American Woman
Suffrage Association here to-day by
Mary Winsor, of Philadelphia.

The delegates were inclined to take
the slam lightly, and some of them
laughed.

"Yes, indeed," Miss Winsor continued,
"this is a vulgar age. Be loud, be yel-
low, be anything to be picturesque. Bet-
ter go to extremes than to bore people.
You do not want to be like the woman
who said to me: 'When I want a
woman to vote I ask her, 'Don't you
wish you could decide whether we could
have that \$50,000 playground rather than
the men?'"

SHORT ON TRUTH, SAYS SECRETARY NAGEL OF CRITIC

Immigration Service Stoutly
Defended.

THAT 'STUTTERING' CASE

Secretary Nagel, of the Department
of Commerce and Labor, in a formal
statement yesterday, made reply to criti-
cisms uttered by Henry Weisman re-
cently before the National German-
American Alliance in this city, based on
the manner of administering the im-
migration service. The Secretary charged
that Mr. Weisman, who lives in Brook-
lyn, N. Y., has made statements that
are not borne out by facts. Referring
to the statement by Mr. Weisman in
his speech before the national conven-
tion of the German-American Alliance
that the Secretary always approves the
decisions of Commissioner Williams at
Ellis Island, N. Y., Mr. Nagel says:

RECKLESS STATEMENTS.

"The utter recklessness of Mr. Weis-
man's statements could not have been
better illustrated. Strictly speaking, the
commissioner does not decide the cases.
The boards of inquiry make the de-
cisions. But, apart from that, appeals
from the decisions are constantly sus-
tained, frequently upon the recommenda-
tion of Commissioner Williams—more
often without it. The same is true of
the commissioners at the other ports.

The law denies to the commissioner a
discretion which it confers upon the
Secretary, and it would be as wrong for
one to exercise the authority as it would
be for the other to refuse to employ it."

In his speech before the German-
American Alliance Mr. Weisman cited
the case of Herman Stoltenberg, who
arrived with his wife and seven chil-
ren in New York in March, 1911. Mr.
Weisman declared that one of the chil-
ren was excluded because "it stuttered."

Of this case, Secretary Nagel says:
"With the exception of one child, the
entire family represented the best type
of immigration that comes to this coun-
try. There was no question about the
admission of all the sound members, and
for many reasons there was strong in-
ducement for admitting even the un-
sound one, if the law had permitted.
However, the one child was certified by
the medical staff as 'feeble-minded.'"

That certificate the correctness of which
was undisputedly was necessarily adopted
by the board of inquiry, and could not
be set aside or disregarded by the com-
missioner at Ellis Island, the Commis-
sioner General, or the Secretary. Such
being the situation, that one child was
necessarily excluded. All the other mem-
bers of the family were admitted. The
bureau's consent was even given to the
substitution of a resident uncle in place
of one of the members of the immi-
grant family who, in obedience to the
law, would otherwise have been com-
pelled to accompany the one child on the
return trip.

Near Short and Ugly.

"These being the facts in the case,
Henry Weisman, of Brooklyn, has stated
that the ground for excluding this child
was that he stuttered. There is no ref-
erence to an impediment of speech in the
record, and the statement made by Mr.
Weisman as well as the inference to be
drawn from it are in every essential un-
true. Since then Mr. Weisman is reported
to have stated that in such cases the
board's certificate is not conclusive. This
statement is likewise untrue."

After stating that in cases such as the
Stoltenbergs case the controlling decision
rests with the medical staff, which is
under the jurisdiction of another depart-
ment of the government, and that it must
not be in obedience to law, the Secretary
puts his respects to the critics of his de-
partment in the following language:

"It is quite unnecessary to explain the
hardships of these cases to me. I am fa-
miliar with them. They come before me
constantly. I have gone to the extreme
in the effort to afford relief, and have
even advocated changes in the law. When
persons who have not examined the re-
cord, who have not so much as made in-
quiry into the truth, attempt public op-
inion for their guide, and send abroad mis-
leading statements, such as Mr. Weis-
man has been guilty of, plain correction
would seem to be in order."

Why Singled Out.

"The prominence given the case is,
however, the only reason for singling it
out for discussion. In other respects it
is a piece of the studied and per-
sistent misrepresentation which have
been uttered in certain quarters. As one
case is answered, another is distorted.
This was clearly demonstrated before the
House Committee on Rules, where every
one had a chance to present his griev-
ance, where those who complained loud-
est did not appear, and where the atti-
tude of many others was characterized
by a willingness to come to Washing-
ton to testify rather than by a desire to
go to Ellis Island to investigate."

TURKEY FOR TAFT.

Horace Vose's Rival in Field for
White House Honors.

Oliver W. Beldon, of Plymouth, Conn.,
has offered to present to the White
House, if agreeable to the President, a
Thanksgiving turkey that now weighs
thirty-two pounds, and that has been spe-
cially fattened for the President.

He invites a comparison of his bird
with other Thanksgiving turkeys. From
time out of mind, Horace Vose, of Rhode
Island, a grower of poultry, has presented
the Thanksgiving turkey to the President.

Mr. Beldon believes that he has hit upon
a diet for the Thanksgiving bird that
will produce a dish more palatable than
the American woodcock or Scotch quail.

81-25 Baltimore and Return.

Baltimore and Ohio.
Every Saturday and Sunday. All trains
both ways, both days, except Royal
Limited. The U. S. A. Aviation Field
and Flights at College Park are in full
view of passing trains on this road.

PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD WILL BRING FREE TRANSFERS

Citizens' Federation Demands District Com-
mission that Will End Strife.

ONLY WAY TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM

Project Will Be Vigorously Pushed to Successful End,
Delegates Claim—Maj. Judson Must Explain
Raise in Water Rates.

Although again indorsing the movement for universal transfers and
pledging its efforts in obtaining such legislation at the coming session of
Congress, the Federation of Citizens' Associations, at a special meeting
last night in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, adopted a resolu-
tion urging the establishment of a public utilities commission in the
District as the only satisfactory and final solution of the transfer ques-
tion and other controversies which are continually arising between the
public service corporations and their patrons.

The resolution, which was introduced by William McK. Clayton,
president of the federation, provides for the creation of such a commis-
sion as is now in operation in many cities of the country, with "complete
examining, judicial, and executive powers to hear and determine all
complaints of both corporations and the users of their utilities as regards
conveniences, rates, abuses, and privileges."

Mr. Clayton spoke at length in support of the resolution, stating
that bills providing for the establishment of a commission had already
been introduced in both Houses of Congress. Representative Smith in-
troduced the measure in the House and Senator Gallinger brought the
matter before the upper branch of Congress.

FAVORED BY TAFT.

"I am sure that the people of the
District as a whole are in favor of this
proposed commission," said Mr. McK.
Clayton. "The citizens' associations
individually, have favored the estab-
lishment of it; the press has kept the
matter before the public, and I feel
justified in saying that most of the
Members of Congress are in favor of
the proposition. President Taft, you
know, recommended the establishment
of such a commission in a message to
Congress. I am in a position to state
authoritatively that the entire House
District Committee, with the exception
of three members, who at present are
doubtful, is in favor of creating the
commission. The commission would
put an end to the long strife which
has existed between corporations and
the people. Telephone rates, gas rates,
electric light rates—all these
matters would be settled by the
commission."

Following the adoption of the resolu-
tion, it was suggested that more definite
action be taken in regard to the question
of universal transfers. Consequently a
resolution was introduced by Allan Da-
vis, principal of Business High School,
and unanimously adopted, reaffirming
the positive position of the federation in re-
gard to the question, and directing the
standing transfer committee to renew its
efforts in a fight for legislation.

Would Solve Problem.

Before the adoption of the resolution
Mr. Clayton expressed his belief that the
commission for the creation of a public
utilities commission would bring
about universal transfers quicker
than a separate fight for the passage of
a transfer act.

"If we get the commission we will
get the transfers," said the president
of the federation. "Why fight for a part
when we can get the whole. Personally,
I think we had better concentrate our en-
ergies on the commission project."

William H. Richardson, of the Ben-
ning Citizens' Association, expressed his
delight that there were some associations
which had faith enough in the federation
to refrain from sending a delegate to the
conference of chairmen of railway com-
mittees of the citizens' associations of the
city to discuss the transfer question,
which had already been taken up by
the federation.

"Col. Charles C. Lancaster, president of
the Citizens' Northwest Suburban Asso-
ciation, then made a stirring speech in
favor of Mr. Davis' resolution, and in
denunciation of the conference of chair-
men of railway committees. Col. Lan-
caster referred to the conference as a
"side show."

"The people of the District are not
satisfied with existing arrangements
between the railway companies of the
city," said Col. Lancaster, in regard to
the universal transfer question. "This
is shown by the action of the various
citizens' associations. We need to push
this matter before Congress with all
the energy possible."

Will Consider Plans.

A committee of three, consisting of
Mr. Richardson, J. Rush Marshall, and
J. G. McGrath, was appointed and di-
rected to consider further plans for the
adoption of the plan submitted to the
Commissioners, providing that the Dis-
trict officials publish to full all bills
introduced into Congress affecting the
District; that notice of public hearings
on such bills be made in the press; that
the Commissioners obtain public opin-
ion on all bills before they are recom-
mended by the District officials, and
that the Commissioners notify Con-
gress of the opinion of the public on the
recommendations.

The proposition was submitted to the
Commissioners last spring. In an answer,
which was read last night, the Commis-
sioners state that the plan is imprac-
ticable, as the cost of printing the bills
in the press would be too expensive for
the resultant good, as action of the Com-
missioners would be greatly delayed in
awaiting an expression of the consensus
of opinion of the people, and as, in the
eyes of the Commissioners, they are not
required to have public endorsement of
recommendations published in Congress.

It seems that the Commissioners are
in a partnership with the Federal gov-
ernment," said Mr. Clayton, leaving the
chair to discuss the question. "The
Commissioners effectively say that they
will recommend measures profitable in
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WHAT FEDERATION DID.

Favored creation of public utili-
ties commission.
Indorsed universal transfer fight.
Deplored untimely agitation over
half-and-half financial system, and
expressed faith in Congress for
fair dealing.

Approved bill compelling rail-
ways to extend lines into Rock
Creek Park.
Renewed fight for Commissioners
to grant hearings on all questions
before making recommendations to
Congress.

Favored consideration of District
appropriation bill by House and
Senate District committees.
Took up representation of Dis-
trict by Delegate in Congress.
Renewed fight for half-rate fare
for school children on railways.
Took up opposition to recom-
mendation for triennial instead of
annual assessments.

Recommended establishment of
public stadium and athletic field
for school children.
Started campaign for deep-flow-
ing wells in District.
Referred resolution for abolition
of capital punishment in District
to committee for consideration.

GETS FIVE MONTHS IN JAIL.

Robert Vernstein, Who Welded
Chair in Barroom, Sentenced.

Describing how Robert Vernstein sud-
denly changed from a peaceful citizen
into a raging demoniac and tried to
strike down several persons in the saloon
with a chair, W. J. Scheyer, of 519 F
street, and W. B. Downey, of 1011 Mon-
roe street, gave testimony before Judge
McIlwain in Police Court yesterday
morning that compelled him to impose
a five months' sentence on Vernstein,
whose sanity is being questioned.